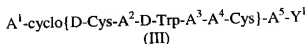


**Amendments to the Claims**

This claim listing replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-13. (Cancelled).

14. (Currently amended) **A method of accelerating the start of growth of quiescent follicles in non-menopausal women comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a medicament comprising a somatostatin antagonist analog** ~~The method of claim 13, wherein the somatostatin antagonist analogue includes~~ **having** the peptides of general formula (III)



in which:

$A^1$  is an optionally substituted aromatic  $\alpha$ -amino acid;

$A^2$  is an optionally substituted aromatic  $\alpha$ -amino acid;

$A^3$  is Dab, Dap, Lys, or Orn;

$A^4$  is  $\beta$ -Hydroxyvaline, Ser, Hser, or Thr;

$A^5$  is an optionally substituted aromatic D- or L-  $\alpha$ -amino acid; and

$Y^1$  is OROH,  $NH_2$  or  $NHR^1$ ,  $R^1$  is  $(C_{1-6})$ alkyl;

each aromatic  $\alpha$ -amino acid being optionally substituted with one or more substituents

independently ~~includes~~ **selected from** a halogen atom,  $NO_2$ , OH, CN,  $(C_{1-6})$  alkyl,  $(C_{2-6})$

alkenyl,  $(C_{2-6})$  alkynyl,  $(C_{1-6})$  alkoxy, Bzl, O-Bzl or  $NR^9R^{10}$ , **wherein**  $R^9$  and  $R^{10}$  are each

independently H, O, or  $(C_{1-6})$  alkyl; and

each nitrogen atom **with of** a peptide amide bond and the amino group of  $A^1$  are optionally substituted with a methyl group, with the proviso that there is at least one said methyl group in a peptide of general formula (III);

the pharmaceutically acceptable salts or protected forms of said peptides , or combinations thereof.

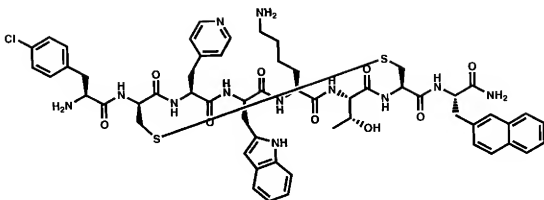
15. (Cancelled).

16-18. (Cancelled).

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein ~~the somatostatin antagonist analogue includes the peptide of formula (III), in which~~ A<sup>1</sup> is Cpa, A<sup>2</sup> is Pal, A<sup>3</sup> is Lys, A<sup>4</sup> is Thr, and A<sup>5</sup> is Nal.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the somatostatin antagonist analogue ~~includes~~ is Cpa-c(DCys-3-Pal-DTrp-NMeLys-Thr-Cys)-2-Nal-NH<sub>2</sub> Cpa-cyclo(DCys-3-Pal-DTrp-NMeLys-Thr-Cys)-2-Nal-NH<sub>2</sub>.

21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the somatostatin antagonist analogue ~~is~~ includes the peptide of formula (III), in which A<sup>1</sup> is Cpa, A<sup>2</sup> is 4Pal, A<sup>3</sup> is Lys, A<sup>4</sup> is Thr, and A<sup>5</sup> is 2Nal



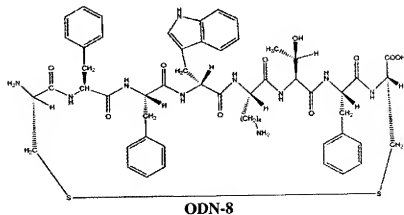
22. (New) A method of accelerating the start of growth of quiescent follicles in non-menopausal women comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a medicament comprising a somatostatin antagonist analog comprising:

the following peptides:

- Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys- Pal-D- Trp-N-Me-Lys- Thr-Cys]-D-Trp-NH<sub>2</sub>;
- Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys- Tyr-D-Trp- N-Me-Lys-Thr-Cys ]-Nal-NH<sub>2</sub>;
- Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys-Pal-D- Trp- N-Me-Lys-Thr-Cys]- Nal-NH<sub>2</sub>;

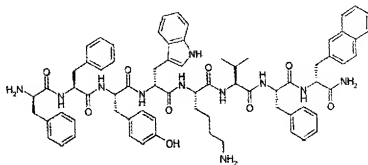
the peptide acetyl-D-His-D-Phe-D-Ile-D-Arg-D-Trp-D-Phe-NH<sub>2</sub> (code name AC-178,335);

the octapeptide of the following structure (code name ODN-8);



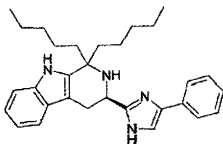
the peptide Cpa-cyclo[D-Cys-Pal-D-Trp-Lys-Val-Cys]Cpa-amide (code name SB-710411);

the peptide of the following structure (code name BIM-23056);



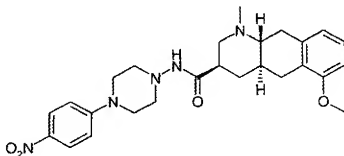
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the compound of the following structure (code name BN-81674);



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the compound of the following structure (code name SRA-880);



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or their pharmaceutically acceptable salts or protected forms, or combinations thereof.